

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) An extruded porcine collagen film made from an extrudable collagen gel; the collagen content of the film consisting essentially of sow collagen.

2. (Currently Amended) A film according to ~~the preceding claim~~ Claim 1, wherein the percentage of fat in the film is below 20% by weight on a dry weight basis.

3. (Original) A film according to Claim 2 wherein the percentage of fat is below 18%.

4. (Original) A film according to Claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of collagen to fat is at least 4:1.

5. (Original) A film according to Claim 4 wherein the ratio is above 10:1.

6. (Original) A film according to Claim 5 wherein the ratio is in the range 25:1 to 50:1.

7. (Currently Amended) A film according to ~~any preceding claim~~ Claim 1 wherein the collagen comprises less than 10% by weight of collagen derived from sheep, poultry, birds, and/or fish.

8. (Original) A film according to Claim 7 comprising less than 5% by weight.

9. (Currently Amended) A film according to ~~any preceding claim~~ Claim 1 wherein the porcine collagen comprises collagen derived from young pigs and sows in ratios of 0:100 to 10:90.

10. (Currently Amended) A film according to ~~any preceding claim~~ Claim 1, which further comprises an alginate glycol.

11. (Original) A film according to Claim 10 wherein the alginate glycol is present in the gel in up to 0.5% by weight.

12. (Original) A film according to Claim 10 wherein the ratio of collagen to alginate ester is in the range 95:5 to 75:25 by weight.

13. (Currently Amended) A film according to ~~any preceding claim~~ Claim 1 which further comprises a humectant.

14. (Original) A film according to Claim 13 wherein the humectant is present in an amount of 15 to 45% on a dry weight basis.

15. (Currently Amended) A film according to ~~any preceding claim~~ Claim 1 which further comprises a coagulating agent.

16. (Currently Amended) A film according to ~~any preceding claim~~ Claim 1 wherein the collagen solids content in the gel is in the range 2 to 10%.

17. (Currently Amended) A film according to ~~any preceding claim~~ Claim 1 having a wet tear strength in the extrusion direction greater than 300gf/mm.

18. (Currently Amended) String or netting formed from the film of ~~any preceding claim~~ Claim 1.

19. (Original) A method of producing an extruded porcine collagen film, the collagen content consisting essentially of sow collagen, which comprises:

producing defatted sow skins;
forming the sow skins into an extrudable gel; and
extruding the gel and forming a film.

20. (Original) A method according to Claim 19 wherein the sows skins are defatted by mechanical defleshing.

21. (Currently Amended) A food product wrapped with the porcine film of ~~any of claims 1 to 17~~ Claim 1.